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AMEMBASSY BANGKOK PLS PASS TO AMCONSUL SONGKHLA IMMEIDATE

BANGKOK FOR DCM AND REFUGEE COORDINATOR

KUALA LUMPUR FOR DCM AND REFUGEE AFFAIRS OFFICE

INS/CO FOR CODEP (COEXM)

FROM INS DIDIR FELDMAN

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: SREF
SUBJ: IPP-77; VISIT OF MR. MICHAEL HARPOLE OF INS/CO

REF: 1/10/78 TELECON GETTIER/FELDMAN

1. MR. MICHAEL HARPOLE, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO IN COMMISSIONER CASTILLO, WILL ARRIVE BANGKOK 1/12/78 AT 1840 HOURS VIS CX 701. PLEASE MEET AND ASSIST. RESERVATION AT DUSIT THANI OR COMPARABLE HOTEL FOR ONE NIGHT REQUIRED.

2. HARPOLE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED BY THE COMMISSIONER TO VISIT THE LAEM SING CAMP JAN 13 AND THE SONGKHLA CAMP JAN 14 OR 15. INS DIDIR REQUESTS THAT/AN ETHNIC AFFAIRS
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OFFICER OR SENIOR VOLAG REP ACCOMPANY TO LAEM SING CAMP. ALSO REQUEST CONOFF AT SONGKHLA MEETASSIST AND ACCOMPANY HARPOLE DURING VISIT TO SONGKHLA. BANGKOK ALSO REQUESTED TO SECURE AIRLINE TICKETS FOR HARPOLE WHO WILL ISSURE GTR ON ARRIQL: BANGKOK - HAADYAI (JAN 14 OR 15) AND HAADYAI - KUALA LUMPUR (JAN 15 OR 16).

3. REFUGEE AFFAIRS OFFICER GETTIER AT KUALA LUMPUR HAS ADVISED DIDIR THAT POST WILL MEET AND ASSIST HARPOLE ON ARRIVAL. WHEN TRAVEL DATE HAADYAI - KUALA LUMPUR FIRM, CONOFF AT SONGKHLA REQUESTED TO ADVISE GETTIER OF HARPOLE'S ETA. SUGGESTED ITINERARY DURING MALAYSIA VISIT INCLUDES BRIEFING ON ARRIVAL AND TRAVEL FOLLOWING DAY TO TRENGGANU CAMP (POP. 1400) AND KUAN TAN CAMP (POP 390). HARPOLE AND REFOFF OR JVR WILL THEN PROCEED TO PULAU TENGAH CAMP AT MERSING (POP 1200). GETTIER BELIEVES VISIT TO KUAN TAN CAMP BENEFICIAL AND WILL ENABLE HARPOLE TO DISCUSS REFUGEE SITUATION IN MALAYSIA WITH AUSTRLIAN IMMIGRATION OFFICERS BASED THERE. HARPOLE HAS OPTION TO TRAVEL DIRECTLY TO SINGAPORE (VIA AUTOMOBILE) AFTER MERSING VISIT OR RETURN TO KUALA LUMPUR. GETTIER, IN VIEW OF FACT THAT HARPOLE MUST RETURN TO WASHDC JAN 20, UNABLE TO SCHEDULE VISIT TO KOTA BARU CAMP (POP. 300) AND SOLE CAMP IN EAST MALAYSIA (KUCHING - POP. 190).

4. ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO ASSIST HARPOLE IN VIEW OF TIGHT SCHEDULE. ASSISTANCE IN MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN APPRECAITED. BENED COEXM.
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